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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Eiji UEKAWA, et al.)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 20, 2003)	
For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS)	October 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

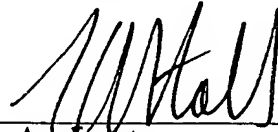
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5,149,941	9/22/1992	Hirabayashi, et al.	219	216	
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		4-44075	10/22/2003	Japan			Abst.
		63-313182	12/21/1988	Japan			Abst.
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		4-204980	7/27/1992	Japan			Abst.
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